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Releasing the Presence and Knowledge of Jesus Christ among unreached people groups of South Asia

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THE MORAVIAN LAMPSTAND

By Dan Taylor

The elderly woman was slender and frail. Her long grey hair hung in a ponytail down her thin back. She looked tired as she took my hand and looked up at me, her dark brown eyes brimming with tears, the pain of her soul on full display. "Please pray for my husband," she pleaded. "He is very broken."

It was the summer of 2018 and this woman was the wife of the pastor of the Moravian church in the far North East corner of India along the Tibetan border. They had been ministering among the Buddhist people here for more than 30 years. But nearly five years ago there was a great conflict that arose in the church and it was deeply divided.

The pastor's wife shared with me that the severe personal attacks and division had taken a toll on her husband emotionally and physically. After 30 years of faithful ministry he was preparing to retire feeling broken and defeated. We had come here to conduct 26 hours of nonstop prayer seeking God to bring healing and unity to this church that had once carried the fire of God.

The Moravian church had begun in Germany during the early 1700's. God poured out His Spirit and the result of this visitation was 24/7 worship and prayer that lasted more than 100 years. Out of this womb of intimacy missionaries were sent out all over the world to share the gospel of Christ.



One of these places was in Northeast India where a great work was planted. We now stood in that church



that was built in 1858 asking God to once again light the fire that had burned so brightly. That night the pastor and his wife joined us in prayer as we cried out to God to restore this group of believers. We ministered to the pastor and watched as God did a transforming miracle mending his broken heart. Tears streamed down His face as God brought new faith and courage. The tremors in his hands and feet stopped and the atmosphere changed as he once again began to believe God for the impossible.

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A few months later we received word that the church came back together in forgiveness. The pastor and his wife were able to retire with respect and dignity as they left behind a church that was no longer divided. Now the new pastor has invited us to return and minister in this church. Please pray that God will visit this church in a powerful way and the Moravian lampstand will once again burn bright in Northeast India!



TIME TO RETURN

God has answered prayer and has given us a wonderful team for our fall trip. We have five people from the U.S. along with people from Egypt, Thailand and India joining us. We arrive India on September 20th and will be prayer walking in Northeast India, ministering at the Moravian church and then going into the mountains working with a local pastor. This team will leave India October 1, and Dan will continue to do mountain village ministry for the next 18 days.

KASHMIR IN CRISIS

Kashmir has been a very complicated place since the partitioning of India and Pakistan in 1947. Two wars have been fought over this highly contested land with the Kashmiri people caught in the middle. Kashmir had retained a certain amount of sovereignty having its own government and establishing its own laws.

This has now changed. On August 5th India sent tens of thousands of troops into Kashmir removing its government and its sovereignty. They arrested about two thousand political leaders, business men and educators. They have the region on strict curfew and have shut down all forms of communication. No tourists are allowed into the region until further notice. Because of this we have cancelled our plans to visit there on this trip. Please see our prayer requests for this area and help us pray for our friends.



PLEASE PRAY...

Pray for a great revival in the Moravian church of North India.

Pray for Kashmir:

- That our friends will be safe and have enough food and supplies to sustain them during the lockdown.
- That God's will would be done politically, socially and spiritually.
- That the identity of the Kashmiri people will be found in the love and forgiveness of Jesus Christ.
- That the Kingdom of God would come to Kashmir and millions of people will come to Christ.

Pray for Psalm 91 protection over Dan and the team as they travel and minister in India and that there will be breakthrough in every area they visit.

Pray for the first session of ISOM that begins in October with our first group of 7 disciples.

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